



Paul M. Campbell Is GVHC Manager

Paul M. Campbell of Pittsburgh has been named general manager of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, it was announced early this week by Michael Salzman, GVHC president. The appointment is subject to final approval by the Peoples Development Company in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement between that company and GVHC, Salzman said.

Campbell's background and experience in housing began in 1934 as assistant community manager for the Resettlement Administration which developed the Greenbelt project. For seven years he served in that position under the Resettlement Administration and the Farm Security Administration. In May of 1951 he went to Pittsburgh to manage a new 963-dwelling-unit low rent project. In 1944-46 he served two years in the Navy as a communications officer aboard the USS Tuscaloosa. He then returned to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to manage a 999-unit Lanham Act project. In 1948, he directed the consolidation of two contiguous projects into one project of 1851 units, and has managed that project to this date.

Campbell received his bachelor's degree from Westminster College in 1930, and his master's from the School of Applied Social Sciences, Pittsburgh, 1951. He is a member of the board of ruling elders of the Third United Presbyterian Church; a member of the Camp Committee, Metropolitan YMCA; a member of the Boys Work Committee of the East Liberty YMCA, all in Pittsburgh. He is 44 years of age, married, and has three children.

New Drop-Inn Board

The Advisory Board of the Youth Center met last Tuesday with members of the Recreation Department and the Youth Center Committee. The Advisory Board reorganized, naming as president, Mrs. O. M. Slye; vice president, Bev Fonds; secretary, Mrs. Joseph P. Vella; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Walter; ways and means chairman, Ralph Webster.

The Youth Center Committee is made up of representatives of the junior and senior high groups who are members of the Drop-Inn, and is headed by Paul Reamy, chairman; assistant chairman is Jan Andrusic. Other members of the committee meeting with the Board were Charles Thompson, David Pendleton, James Oldham, Fred Yates, Janice Buckingham and Anna Redd Fontaine. The committee outlined its plans for the holiday season and invited the Advisory Board to be guests of the Drop-Inn at the Christmas party, held on Tuesday night, December 23, and the New Year's Eve party to be given in the Center School.

The report of the Recreation Department showed that there were 258 members of the Youth Center — 198 Greenbelt residents, 60 from nearby areas. Attendance at the Drop-Inn continues very high, the new juke box proving to be a big attraction and favorite entertainment.

MOVIE FOR KIDS

A special picture for children, **BOYS RANCH** with Butch Jenkins, will be shown at the Greenbelt Theatre on Tuesday December 30 at 2 p.m.

A Christmas Message

By Rev. Eric T. Braund

The true Christmas Spirit cannot be purchased! With our mad rush of Duty Cards, and gifts, a man from Mars might suppose that we thought so. Indeed, for many, the shopping centers of American have become the place of worship. "Main Street is a long nave with the ends knocked out: look east, look west, there is no Altar! Only show cases stuffed with the trivia of little life. The Chapel of the Dollar!"

This is the synthetic Christmas, not the real heart. For we cannot buy respect, kindness, good neighbors. Real love and good will is given or withheld without reference to your salary or "Who you KNOW." It is a gift.

Secondly, Christmas is about the most inclusive thing that can happen to us earth men. Elements of many cultures and centuries are so interwoven, (superbly illustrated in the Center School program: "Christmas in Many Lands") as to make it authentically international whether we like it or not. We may be selfishly provincial and narrow, but not the Christmas message: Listen again to the proclamation made to the Shepherds of Bethlehem:

"Good tidings of great joy
Which shall be to ALL PEOPLE"

Christmas reminds us again to thank our God for good neighbors Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, yes, and some of other "Folds" than these. To dedicate ourselves anew to Peace, good will to Men!

And then, Christmas reminds us that babies are about the most important thing in the world. How they cheer our hearts, brighten our lives, yea, renew our race! To you with shiny new ones there should be a special sense of Emmanuel! Those who are truly wise will kneel with you in holy awe, for every birth partakes generously of Divinity.

And so, "God rest you merry, Gentlemen", for from Palestine and Persia, through Wise Men and Shepherds, even across centuries of vicious pogroms and purges, the Song of the Angels comes to us. The Light from the Stable has, under God, been wonderfully tough and eternal. From the Slaughter of the Innocents to the "Curtains" and conflicts of our day the Darkness has not put it out. It is the leaven of God's will, harbinger of brotherhood "for 'a that, and 'a that, man to man, the world o'er, shall brothers be, for 'a that!"

You and I are joined with anonymous millions in the determination to give our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to keep that Light brightly trimmed and shining. Nor are we alone in darkness with our purpose. Good News! Emmanuel! God walks with us in and toward the light. "Let nothing you dismay! Remember Christ our Saviour was born this Christmas Day."

O my fellow Greenbelters, new and old, near and far, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! In the words of Charles Dickens' Tiny Tim: "May God bless us, every one!"

Notice

The Greenbelt Cooperator will change its publication date to Wednesday again this week. All news items for the Wednesday, December 31 issue must be in the Cooperator office at 14 Parkway by 10 p.m. MONDAY, December 29.

Cooperator Staff Votes To Pay Editor On Formula Basis

Members of the Cooperator staff voted "to pay the editor and appropriate staff members according to a formula to be worked out dependent upon the income of the newspaper" at a meeting held last Thursday. Defeated at many previous meetings, the move to pay the editor has been proposed recently to (1) make the editorship more attractive, (2) compensate the editor for long hours, and (3) maintain high editorial standards.

Nominated as editor at the meeting was Ralph Miller, a long-time staff member. Miller opposed paying the editor, and insisted that other hard-working staff members also be considered if pay is approved. Other staff members opposed the pay idea, declaring that the Cooperator has existed thus far on a purely co-operative basis; that payment might encourage the editor to put financial considerations before editorial importance in regard to policy; and, other staff members may burden the editor with greater responsibility than before, feeling that his compensation would permit this.

A new board of directors was also elected; George Reeves, Eleanor Ritchie, Dorothy McGee, Miriam Solomon and Marion Hatton. None of the former board were re-elected.

Until a formula is presented and approved the editor will remain on a non-paying basis. The Cooperator has been published since November, 1937, with the exception of a six months period in 1938, on a volunteer co-operative basis; only the printer and the delivery boys are paid.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes at Northwestern High School will begin for second semester.

Art will be taught by David Young on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. in room 211. Registration and classes will begin on Tuesday, January 20.

Emil Hrebenach will teach Ceramics on Monday and Tuesday evenings in room 113 from 7 to 10 p.m. Registration and classes will begin January 12 and 13.

Mrs. Annamarie Beveridge will teach Beginning and Advanced Typing in room 203 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration and classes will begin January 14.

William Smith will teach English and Creative Writing in room 303 on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration and class will begin on Monday, January 12.

The Wool Tailoring Class will begin the first Wednesday of February (February 4) in room 213. The class is limited to (18) eighteen and will meet one night a week — Wednesday — and will be taught by Mrs. Dorothea Umbach.

Mayor Defends City Council Action On Water, Electric System Disposal

By Harry M. Zubkoff

Mayor Frank Lastner, concerned over allegations by GVHC directors that the city council has "missed the boat" on Greenbelt's electric utilities, this week disclosed the inside story of council's actions on the issue.

In an exclusive interview with the Cooperator, Lastner said that the city council had discussed the possibility of acquiring the electric utility even before GVHC turned over the question to them.

When Public Law 65 was passed by a Congress which wanted the government to get out of the real-estate business, the council ordered a study made of all municipally-owned electric systems in the state of Maryland. This was back in 1949



LASTNER

when studies indicated conclusively that the city could own and operate the electric system at a profit. Under the terms of PL 65, PHA could not sell the electric system to the group of residents buying the town, but a provision in the law made it possible for PHA to dedicate the system to the city. The city council approached PHA officials verbally on several occasions, and by formal letter, requesting that such dedication be made.

At first, Lastner said, PHA cited several reasons for not doing so: The system was too big for the city to handle, required too much maintenance, and was in bad physical condition and would require considerable renovation, to say nothing of expensive expansion for a city which might double in size after developing the vacant land. All of these arguments were effectively refuted, Lastner said, pointing to the studies of similar municipal operations as convincing proof.

Then, he continued, PHA pointed out that while PL 65 allowed the government to dedicate the system to the city, another provision in the law made this action subject to the Commissioner's discretion. PHA informed the council, finally, that the system would be sold to PEPCO. It was Lastner's understanding that this decision was based on the fact that the operation of the electric utility was a money-making affair, and as such PHA had a moral right to sell it. Very well, was the council's rejoinder; if PHA will not dedicate but insists on selling, we are prepared to bid on the system.

Easy To Borrow Money

The city could easily borrow enough money to buy the system. In fact, according to Lastner, the city can borrow up to 10% of its assessed valuation, which is \$5,600,000, at one-half of one per cent interest for a period of forty years. However, in order to make such a loan, it would be necessary to hold a referendum, and Lastner asked PHA for enough time to do this before submitting a bid. But, he said, bids were not opened and PHA informed the council that the system was being sold to PEPCO.

After consultation with qualified individuals, Lastner is satisfied that an injunction can be taken out to prevent PHA from consummating the sale of the electric system to PEPCO. An important factor here is that PHA did not open the sale to public bid; if the sale goes through, this fact might be used to nullify it. The entire matter is under study by the City Solicitor, and Lastner is confident that the "electric utility matter" is not yet a closed case. In any event, he promised, the city council is definitely looking out for the public interest and "we intend to pursue this matter."

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Women Voters Back Teacher Pay Raise

The Maryland Council of the League of Women Voters, which met in Annapolis December 12, suggested school teachers should get raises faster than was proposed by the Green Commission Report. Council members indorsed, in principle, the Green commission, which calls for a series of raises up to \$300 each for teachers, but suggested that the projected scale be put into effect within two years instead of three. The League also suggested that the problem of financing be explored further.

The Council also approved the Sobeloff Commission's plan for increased home rule for municipalities and counties and resolved to support absentee voting for civilians, as long as the Legislature comes up with an adequate bill.

Cooperator Elects Ralph G. Miller As Editor-In-Chief

By Janice Solet

Ralph G. Miller was appointed editor-in-chief of the Cooperator at a staff meeting last Thursday night at the home of one of the temporary editorial board members. The appointment is subject to approval of the newly-elected board of directors of the Publishing Association.



MILLER

This is not the first time Ralph has sat at the city's busiest COOP desk; he served as editor from May 1946 until December of the same year. At that time he had launched the bi-monthly Greenbelt Consumer and, although living in Greenbelt only three years, had been active in a number of town organizations.

Since 1946 he has worked off and on as a staff member, covering such beats as council and GCS. This year he and his wife Carolyn were our Mr. and Mrs. North for the complex and time-consuming GVHC stories. In the past few months he responded to an SOS from the resigning editor, and joined the editorial board which has been running the paper with Ralph as news editor.

As for the new editor, he claims he has had "a nice long rest" and is not daunted either by Janet, aged 9, Danny, 4, or Ann, 3. The forbearing assistance of wife Carolyn, who is herself several community leaders rolled into one, has — we suspect — something to do with it.

WHAT GOES ON

Monday, December 29 - St. Hugh's Teen-age Sodality Dance, St. Hugh's Auditorium, 9-12 p.m. Music by Northwestern's Off-Beats.
Tuesday, December 30 - "Boy's Ranch" at Greenbelt Theatre, 2 p.m.

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Letters To The Editor Santa Greets Bears WolvesOfPack20

Boys Club Elects

At the regular board of directors meeting Thursday evening, December 18, a new board of directors was elected to carry on the Boys Club's activities for the coming year. Caldwell Baker was unanimously reelected as president; William J. Andrusic, secretary; and George M. Eshbaugh, unanimously reelected treasurer.

The Club's activities have expanded quite a bit during the past year to take care of more of our boys as they come down to us. We feel sure that the new board will continue the club's fine program and expansion wherever possible. It is our desire to take care of as many boys as possible during each year. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers for their fine direction of the club's activities during the past year.

The board of directors of the Greenbelt Boy's Club extends wishes to all the residents for a happy holiday season.

Challenge

The Greenbelt Boys Club Senior Basketball Team hereby challenges the Greenbelt Lions - CO-OP Basketball Team to a regulation game. We will play you any time, any place, anywhere, and you may choose the officials for the game.

The Lions - CO-OP team, being an unlimited team, is considered by many residents to be the best basketball team in Greenbelt. Although we are limited to players 18 years of age and under, we feel that this belief is in error, and are ready to prove it.

In order that all interested parties are informed of this challenge, copies of this letter are being sent to the Cooperator, to Greenbelt Consumer Services, and to the Lions Club. In the interest of sports, we hope that you will be able to accept this challenge.

BOB DOVE

JERRY BRETTINGHAM

To: G.B.C. Senior Basketball Team

It has been the policy of the Greenbelt Lions - CO-OP Basketball Team to play any club that wishes to play them. We therefore accept the challenge, that is, if you haven't realized that you're probably biting off more than you can chew.

As you know, the Lions Club is a service club, and therefore needs funds for its activities. We would like to suggest to you that a small admission fee be charge for this game, and the proceeds be used for Lions Club activities.

If this meets with your approval, we will set up a committee to handle all details pertaining to this game.

PETE COOKSON

GEORGE NEUMAN

Appreciation

Would you be good enough to allow me the use of your columns to thank all my well-wishers for the many messages and cards I received during my recent illness. They certainly helped to give my morale a lift when it needed it most, and I should like them to know that their thoughtfulness was really appreciated.

I hope they won't mind my using this method of thanking them, as to write each one individually is beyond my present strength.

MAX W. BLOOMBERG, M.D.

Nine boys qualified for the Bobcat pins last Friday at the regular monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 202. They were: Jason Page, Freddy Braund, Grady Allstock, Francis Capotosto, Dallas Bare Kenny Bennix, Hans Erik Jorgensen, Richard Andros and Jack Ohlmacher.

Achievement awards were given to the following Cub Scouts: Robert Fink received his Denner's badge and a silver arrow; Richard Seaggs his Wolf Badge and a gold and silver arrow; Richard Emde and Walter Fink their Lion Badge. Walter Fink also received a gold and silver arrow.

Scoutmaster John Ohlmacher introduced Rev. Braund who gave a short address; Percy Andros, newly appointed chairman of the Pack; Hans Jorgensen, who is taking over Den 5, and the Den Chiefs: Eddie Moody, Barry Porter, Eddie Mangold, Joel Birdseye, Gordon Page and Tommy Johnson.

Den 3 won the attendance award and Dens 6 and 8 tied for the honor award.

The group was delighted with the appearance of Santa Claus. There were gifts and candy for all the children and refreshments were served. Theodore Dalbow was in charge.

Natl. Guard Enjoys Christmas Party

"A" Battery, 224th Field Artillery Battalion, Maryland National Guard, of Greenbelt, held its annual Christmas Party for officers and men last Friday at the Greenbelt American Legion Post.

Sgt. Dick Sommers, chairman of the entertainment committee, with the assistance of Sgt. Gene Doering, arranged for an evening that was enjoyed by all. Music was provided by the "Blue Notes" from 9 till 1.

A buffet supper was prepared by the men of the battery with the necessary "woman's touch" of Mrs. William R. Wright.

Attending the party from Greenbelt were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Granims, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howey, Richard Sommers, Theodore Coleman, James Morrison, and their guests.

Lions Award Prizes To Contest Winners

The Lions Club of Greenbelt, in cooperation with the Greenbelt Junior High School, has sponsored an essay contest on the subject "What the United Nations Means to Me," in order to create and stimulate interest in problems of the United Nations among our future citizens.

The prize winners, chosen from over 325 entrants, were: 1st, Carole Cortes; 2nd, Phyllis Chasanow; and a tie for 3rd between Janet Hilder and Philip Perkins. Each essayist gave his speech before his class, at which time it was recorded. A group of Lions and teachers chose the final winners from these recordings.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday: Confessions 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children and in the evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery care for pre-school children during the 11 o'clock Mass. Religious instructions for children attending public school, both grade and high will resume Sunday, January 4, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This is Family Communion Sunday for the parish.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday: Novena Services followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. Confessions: Four until five in the afternoon and after the Devotions in the evening.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1: Masses the same as on Sunday, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Friday: First Friday of the Month, January 2: Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. Holy Communion will also be distributed at 6:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Eric T. Braund, Minister

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Holy Communion, 11 p.m. Music to be sung during Communion: Song of the Crib (c. 1500); Her-rick's Carol; Solo by Mrs. White, "I wonder as I wander," Appalachian carol. At 10:30, Gesu Bambino (piano, organ, and flute); Brahms' Lo, how a Rose, and O holy night (piano and organ). Thursday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Carols and Communion, 11 a.m. Sacrament of Baptism.

Friday, Dec. 26 - 8:30 p.m., social hall, Christmas Holiday party by and for the young people of the church.

Sunday, Dec. 28 - Church School 9, 10, and 11 a.m., Nursery through Adult. Morning Worship, 9 and 11.

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Sunday, December 28 - 9:30 a.m., Session of the Sunday School. Richard Hoffman, superintendent. Classes for all. 11 a.m., Worship service. Sermon by the pastor. Sacred Christmas music by the choir. All Sunday services held at the North End School, Ridge Road.

Northwestern Banquets; ReceivesFootballTrophy

The second annual football banquet was held by the Northwestern Senior High School on Thursday, December 11, in the school cafeteria.

The Kiwanis football trophy was presented by Perry O. Wilkinson, vice president of Kiwanis and a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. This is the second year that the Prince Georges County Championship has been won by Northwestern.

The one hundred and seventy guests included the varsity players and their mothers and fathers. Short speeches were given by William S. Schmidt, county superintendent; Daniel Palumbo, head coach; and John P. Speicher, principal.

500 Students Attend H.S.Christmas Dance

The Greenbelt Junior High School's annual Christmas dance held last Friday night was attended by approximately 500 students, or half of the student body, according to Mike Stripling, president of the Student Council, sponsor of the dance.

Under the guidance of J. Howard Student Council faculty adviser and Mike Stripling, M.C., the affair was reported eminently successful. Janet Huffman entertained with song numbers.

The avalanche of dancers caused a shortage of refreshments and dancing space, but an increase of spirits. At least one parent noted the girls looking pretty in their dance frocks, and the boys "down-right refreshing" in coats and ties.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

Services will not be held this Friday evening. Candlelighting time, 4:26.

Sunday school classes will not be held this weekend. Classes will be resumed on January 4, 1953.

The Jewish Community Center wishes to extend to its friends and neighbors the season's greetings.

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Mayor

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Electric Rates

Urgency becomes acute with the revelation that, under PEPCO, the cost to the city of lighting the streets will rise from the present \$4800 a year to a probable level of \$8300 a year — an indication of what may happen to the rates of individual users. PEPCO evidently plans to serve Greenbelt under the suburban rate rather than the cheaper urban rate.

Water and Sewage

With regard to the water and sewage, Lastner disclosed that as long ago as March 1949 PHA attempted to negotiate a sale to the Suburban Sanitary Commission. The SSC, he pointed out, as an autonomous group, can do almost anything affecting rates and services on water and sewage; the city council fought this development in the State Legislature, where it was finally rejected. As a result of prolonged negotiation, PHA has at last consented to dedicate the water and sewage systems to the city. This, Lastner regards as a tribute to the council's efforts. Since the water system is regarded as a money-making affair, Lastner asked PHA officials how they could reconcile their action in dedicating it, in view of their refusal to dedicate the electric system on those very grounds. No answer has been forthcoming, he said, although he is still pressing the point vigorously.

Although the operation of either water or electricity will produce revenue, the operation of both systems would make greater savings possible, he pointed out, since the same personnel could be used on both systems to a great extent.

Future Growth

For the future, Lastner foresees a greatly-expanded Greenbelt with more and tougher problems for its residents. GVHC and the city council will have to learn to live together and work together, he says, if they expect to realize the potential benefits here. Cooperation, he adds, is a two-way street, and "if there is to be full cooperation between us we must both try harder." The answer, he says, does not lie in criticising each other, but in trying to understand each other's problems and in helping each other solve them.

My Daze

ADS AND NEWSPAPER articles abound with advice about gift giving this time of year, about what are appropriate children's gifts etc. Let me add what I learned by chance, that a quarter item can interest and delight a year and a half old baby without fail. Just let him have a go at a freshly opened economy sized box of cleansing tissue and watch the fur (or tissue) fly. Baby is quick and thorough, and you know he's had a good time. Now if we could only figure out a way to pile the tissue back into the box, we'd have a toy at least as good as the blocks, push, pull, and piling toys recommended for this age.

A WELL-KNOWN COMMUNITY LEADER, who makes up on the inside for what he lacks on the outside of his head, was looking a bit wistfully at his small son's handsome crop of dark hair while he supervised his dressing that morning. "Comb your hair, boy. Take good care of it so it won't fall out." "Like yours did, daddy?" "Yes, like mine did." "How did your hair fall out, daddy? Did it fall out when you bent your head forward, like this?" his boy inquired, illustrating by bending his head forward.

— DAISY.

Tips On Trees

The United States Forest Service at the Department of Agriculture offers the following safety rules for handling Christmas trees at home:

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4. Check electric lights and connections. Worn, frayed wires or electric cords must not be used.

5. Avoid use of combustible decorations and flammable reflectors for the colored lights. Metal foil "icicles" or tinsel must be kept out of bulb sockets.

6. Avoid overloading the electric circuits. Placing electrical toys under the tree should be avoided, as they are fire hazards.

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Beverly Guetz

Beverly Guetz, 6-Z-5 Plateau, died in childbirth Monday at Prince Georges Hospital. She was the wife of Gerald Guetz, and mother of a daughter 3½ years old. The Guetz family moved to Greenbelt in 1950. Burial will take place in New York. Guetz is an active member of the Izaak Walton League chapter in Greenbelt.

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Hi folks, this is Rae Algaze taking over once more while the McGees continue to get reorganized in their new home.

Tonight is Christmas Eve, and tomorrow the day for which so many of us have been preparing so painstakingly.

Many organized groups celebrated Christmas last week, prior to the closing of schools for the holiday vacation. Those of us fortunate enough to have been in attendance will agree that the musical pageant presented by the children of the Center School was unusually beautiful this year. Each child from kindergarten to the sixth grade participated in some way. The pageant had an international theme, with ten countries represented. The rendition of carols by the glee club was especially thrilling. To Mrs. Teeter, the musical director, as well as all the other teachers and children who cooperated, goes special mention for a most enjoyable program.

The following are some other celebrations that we got word of: Girl Scout Troop No. 77, whose leaders are Mrs. J. Elder, Mrs. J. Ott, and Mrs. E. Boggs, held their party in the social hall of the Community Church last Wednesday evening. The girls demonstrated to their parents the manner in which the people of Mexico observe Christmas. All took part in games and refreshments.

The Modern Dance Group, sponsored by the Center School PTA, provided its own entertainment in the auditorium of the Center School last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Hicks, the director, was very attractively attired.

The annual Christmas party and investiture of Brownie Troop No. 42, under leadership of yours truly and Mrs. S. Feldman, took place in the social room of the Center school last Friday evening. Gifts were presented to the parents and

the Brownies. Refreshments contributed by the parents were enjoyed by all.

The long holiday vacation gives many of us the opportunity to travel somewhat leisurely, and return in time for the reopening of school on January 5, 1953. Here are some of the families we know about who are making trips:

The Ben Perlzweigs are visiting his folks in Maplewood, N. J. The Martin Bickfords and the Harold Tannenbaums are vacationing in Florida.

New York City, whose distance has been shortened by the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge, will play host to (among others) the Sidney Feldmans, the Michael Salzmans, the Jerry Pines, the Harry Weidbergs, and the Sidney Barnetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Trattler and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedman will both celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversaries on December 25th. The Trattlers will be in New Jersey and the Friedmans in New York City for the occasion.

Hal Fischer, a member of the Parallel Ski Club of N.Y.C., will spend his vacation at Jackson, N. H., a skiing resort. His better-half and youngsters will visit her folks on their farm in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Tompkins and their twin daughters, are enjoying as their guests this week his mother and brother, Mrs. Bertha Tompkins and Paul Tompkins of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Young Georgie Brunatti is expected home for Christmas after spending several weeks with his grandparents in Frostburg, Md. where he recuperated after a tonsillectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Abramovitz announce the birth of their third child, a son, Louis George, on November 11, at the Washington Sanitarium in Takoma Park, Md.

It's also a boy, their first, for Pat and George Bauer of 29-B

Ridge. The infant, Mark Curtis was born last Sunday morning at Walter Reed Hospital. The Bauers reside with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hogan.

The family of John S. Beckham, one of the early residents of Greenbelt, moved on Monday to their new home in Berwyn Heights.

Best wishes, folks, for a very Merry Christmas!

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